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1. A meeting of the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee was held today. Chairman Russell and Senators Saltonstall and Bridges were present, with Mr. Darden of the Committee staff. Present for CIA were the DCI, DDCI, Col. White, and Messrs. Helms, Kent and Kirkpatrick.

2. Mr. Sprankle informed me that the House Appropriations Subcommittee on CIA would be composed of Chairman Cannon and Congressmen Mahon, Sheppard, Taber and Wigglesworth. They have requested that the meeting take place at 1:30 on Thursday, 10 March. Mr. Sprankle said that the keynote of the hearing would be brevity; that Congressmen Cannon and Mahon would tend to be extremely brief, but he could not assess the length of time which Messrs. Taber and Wigglesworth would desire. However, he felt that their interest would largely lie in the field of budget figures rather than general substantive information.

3. I called on Cong. Fogarty (D., R.I.) in reply to his letter to the Agency, asking for the reason for termination of [redacted] Mr. Fogarty said that his only desire was to get rid of the case; that [redacted] had come into his office and talked to him for a couple of minutes; and that the Congressman felt he was "crazy" and wished to get rid of him. I told the Congressman our position on personnel who would appear to have emotional instability and that the Medical Office had ruled out [redacted] on these grounds. Cong. Fogarty expressed some surprise that [redacted] had advanced this far towards employment as he had with us, and I told him that it was largely subject to medical assessment which then indicated that he should not be employed.

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